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1. SUMMARY: WESTERN GROUP MET ON MARCH 28 WITH CW EXPERTS PRESENT TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS AND TACTICS FOR INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD WITH EXPERTS ON CW SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF MARCH 28. END SUMMARY

2. WESTERN GROUP, WITH CW EXPERTS, MET MORNING MARCH 28, TO DISCUSS STRATEGY FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THAT AFTERNOON. US REP (MYERS) DISTRIBUTED US STATEMENT ON CW FOR
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MARCH 28 PLENARY AND ASKED IF ANY OTHER DELS WERE PLANNING OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON CW DURING WEEK OF INFORMALS. CANADA, FRG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, AND UK SAID THEY WOULD RECORD STATEMENTS FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON UK DRAFT.

3. FRG REP (SCHLAICH) EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PHASED APPROACH,

ASKING THAT ANY "STEP-BY-STEP" APPROACH BE BALANCED SO THAT NO STATE GAINS AN ADVANTAGE THAT MIGHT ENTICE IT NOT TO CONTINUE ON TO THE NEXT STEP TOWARD A TOTAL BAN ON CW. HE SAID ANY STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THREE PRINCIPLES:

- 1) ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES MUST BE ASSURED OF COMPLIANCE ON PART OF OTHER PARTIES;
- 2) DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND STOCKPILING FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES MUST NOT REPEAT NOT BE HAMPERED; AND
- 3) TERMS OF AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY STATE PARTIES.

4. UK EXPERT (HOLMES) POINTED OUT THAT ANY STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO CW BAN ALREADY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST NATIONS WHO DO NOT POSSESS STOCKPILES OF CW.

5. DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF PROHIBITION ENSUED AND NETHERLANDS ALTERNATE REP (MEERBURG) STATED THAT HE THOUGHT ALL WESTERN GROUP MEMBERS WERE AGREED THAT ANY PHASED APPROACH WOULD INITIALLY BAN ALL LETHAL AGENTS. US EXPERT (MIKULAK) AGREED AND SAID USG IS READY TO CONSIDER INCLUDING ALL IN-CAPACITATING AGENTS IN AN INTIAL AGREEMENT AS WELL, BUT THAT USG DOES NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE HERBICIDES AND RIOT CONTROL AGENTS.

6. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) RAISED SUGGESTION MADE IN JAPANESE CW STATEMENT (REF A) OF ASCERTAINING GENERAL TRENDS IN CCD ON VERIFICATION AND SCOPE ISSUES AND ASKED IF CO-CHAIRMEN COULD BE PREPARED TO DO THIS. US REP SAID US WOULD HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH UNDERTAKING SUCH A TASK AT PRESENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIME; SAID MOST COMMENTS WOULD BE CENTERED ON UK DRAFT AND ASKED IF THIS WOULD NOT SERVE AS A "POINT OF CONDENSATION."

7. NETHERLANDS EXPERT (OOMS), REFERRING TO JAPANESE PROPOSAL TO ANNEX TABLES SPECIFIYING CHEMICALS TO BE PROHIBITED, CONTROLLED, ETC., OPPOSED IDEA OF ATTACHING ANY SPECIFIC LIST TO TREATY WHICH HE SAID COULD BE "VERY DANGEROUS." LISTS SHOULD SERVE AS AID TO GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFICATION. JAPANESE REP SAID THAT WHILE GOJ PROPOSAL IS NOT FULLY FLESHED OUT WITH RESPECT TO HOW LISTS WOULD BE DEVELOPED AND MANAGED, IT WAS CONTEMPLATED THAT THERE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE REVIEW PROCESS. US AND UK EXPERTS AGREED WITH NETHERLANDS EXPERT AND STATED PREFERENCE FOR GENERAL PURPOSE CRITERION AND TOXICITY STANDARD FOR DEALING WITH SINGLE PURPOSE AGENTS. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED THAT "LIST" COULD EVOLVE "LIFE OF ITS OWN" AND INVITE STATES TO EVADE BY SEEKING LOOPHOLES.

8. IGALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) ONCE AGAIN ASKED IF TIMING WAS
RIGHT TO ESTABLISH CW WORKING GROUP FOR SUMMER SESSION.
US REP SAID THAT,DUE TO STATE OF USG POLICY REVIEW, WE WERE
STILL NOT READY TO SPECULATE ON TIMING.

9. US REP ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL
ON PROCEDURES (REF B). ALL AGREED THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT
IT ALTHOUGH UK AND CANADA SAID THEY WOULD OFFICIALLY
RECORD UNHAPPINESS OVER DELETION OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE
TO PROVISIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS BY NON-CCD MEMBERS IN
TREATY NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

10. NEXT MEETING OF WESTERN GROUP WILL BE MORNING,
MARCH 30. SORENSEN

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